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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS AND HOUSE SPEAK ON VIOLENCE

REFC NICOSIA 2283, 2507

SUMMARY: DEC 13 MAKARIOS BLASTED GRIVAS FOR MURDER OF
SUSPECTED INFORMER AND HOUSE REPORT CRITICIZED GOVT RECORD
IN CENTRAL PRISONS INCIDENT. HOUSE WILL DISCUSS GRIVASITE
VIOLENCE NEXT WEEK. MURDER AND BOMBINGS MAY FORECAST UPSURGE
IN GRIVASITE ACTIVITY. END SUMMARY

1. DEC 13 PIO RELEASED STRONG STATEMENT BY ARCHBISHOP
ATTACKING GRIVAS AND HIS ORGANIZATION FOR DEC 12 MURDER OF
ABDUCTED SHEPHERD ANTONIOS ANDRONIKOU IN LIMASSOL DISTRICT.
IN STRONGEST PERSONAL ASSAULT ON GRIVAS ("COMMON CRIMINAL."
"BLOODTHIRSTY MURDERED") SINCE AUGUST 2 (REF NICOSIA 1694),
MAKARIOS REITERATED GOVT DETERMINATION WIPE OUT GRIVASITE
TERRORISM.

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2. PUBLIC IMPACT LARGELY OFFSET BY DEC 13 PARLIAMENTARY READING OF COMMITTEE REPORT ON OCT 19 CENTRAL PRISON INCIDENT, IN WHICH SOME 20 ENOSISTS WERE INJURED. REPORT (1) ACCUSED PRISON OFFICIALS AND TRU OFFICERS OF ATTEMPTING HIDE FACTS; (2) FOUND THAT UNJUSTIFIED, UNACCEPTABLE AND EXCESSIVE FORCE HAD BEEN USED AGAINST PRISONERS; AND SAID (3) GOVT AUTHORITIES HAD ILLEGALLY DENIED LAWYERS ACCESS TO THEIR CLIENTS. WHILE MAKING NO RECOMMENDATIONS, REPORT BY EXTENSION GAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ABOVE TO MINISTERS JUSTICE AND INTERIOR WHO HAD APPROVED PLAN TO TRANSFER PRISONERS OCT 19.

3. BOTH AKEL AND LEFTIST RABBLEROUSER LYSSARIDES TRIED IN VAIN PREVENT READING OF REPORT YESTERDAY. HOUSE PRESIDENT CLERIDES OVERRODE THEM BUT -- IN CLEAR EFFORT MAINTAIN NEUTRALITY ON VIOLENCE ISSUE -- INSCRIBED GRIVASITE ACTIVITY ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION DEC 20. CLERIDES ALSO REBUTTED VIGOROUSLY AKEL ARGUMENT THAT "PROVOCATIONS" HAD JUSTIFIED DEGREE OF FORCE USED OCT 19.

4. EDITORIAL REACTION GENRALLY CONDEMNS ANDRONIKOU MURDER. WIDELY ACCEPTED THAT EOKA-B EXTERMINATED HIM AS INFORMER WHO LED TRU TO GRIVASITE HIDEOUT NEAR LIMASSOL. PRO-GRIVAS "ETHNIKI" PREDICTABLY TRIED BALANCE ANDRONIKOU AFFAIR AGAINST MURDERS OF KNOWN ENOSIS(SOTIRIOU AND AUGOUSTI) EARLIER THIS YEAR, BRANDING AT SAME TIME GOVT FOR SINS BROUGHT OUT IN HOUSE AND GARRETT (REF NICOSIA 2283) REPORTS.

5. MEANWHILE, RENEWED MINOR EXPLOSIONS CONTINUE AROUND ISLAND. LATEST WAS DEC 13 APPARENT REPRISAL BOMBING OF COMMUNIST YOUR (EDON) BUILDING IN KITI VILLAGE (LARNACA).

6. COMMENT: TIMING OF ANDRONIKOU MURDER AND RELEASE HOUSE REPORT HAS TENDED LUMP TOGETHER BOTH EOKA-B AND GOVT IN USE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CITIZENS. WE EXPECT MAJOR, HEATED DEBATE IN HOUSE DEC 20 AS PARTIES EXAMINE WHOLE QUESTION. SO FAR GOVT HAS NOT ANSWERED FINDINGS OF HOUSE REPORT OR CRITICISMS OF EARLIER GARRETT REPORT; IT MAY CHOOSE TO MUFFLE ISSUE WITH BLAND REPLY, OR SIMPLY NOT ANSWER. NEITHER REPORT WILL REMAIN TO VNNTER NCTATE#FOR LONG, BUT BOTH TOGETHER WILL TEND FURTHER ERODE VAGUE BUT VITAL FACTOR
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IN GOVT. ANDRONIKOU MURDER, AND RENEWED BOMBINGS,
MAY INDICATE GRIVAS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON MORE ACTIVE PROGRAM.
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